



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Process to fill a Public Member vacancy on the Guadalupe and the Santa Maria
Successor Agency Oversight Boards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Accept and file this report on the process to fill Public Member vacancies on the Guadalupe and the Santa Maria Successor Agency Oversight Boards
2. Approve and direct the County Executive Officer to implement the process to fill the vacancies, and
3. Determine pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 34178(b)(2) that the above actions are not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act

Summary Text:

The Guadalupe and the Santa Maria Successor Agency Oversight Boards have received a letter of resignation from their member representing the public. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 34179(a)(6) the County Board of Supervisors appoints the "member of the public" position to teach of these seven-member oversight boards. The resignation was from an individual that had been appointed to the Guadalupe Successor Agency Oversight Board and the Santa Maria Successor Oversight Board. Though the Oversight Boards continue to have a quorum and are able to conduct regular business, it is important to move forward to fill the vacancies. This report offers a suggested process for recruiting, selecting and appointing a new public member or members. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 34179(b), the Governor may appoint individuals to fill any oversight board member position that remains vacant for more than 60 days.

Background:

All Redevelopment Agencies in the State of California including the County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency (RDA) were dissolved on February 1, 2012 pursuant to ABX1 26 (the “dissolution” measure). As part of the local RDA dissolution process, your Board chose to become the Successor Agency to the County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency on January 10, 2012, by taking no action under Health & Safety Code Section 34173(d)(1). Similarly, each of the (6) sponsoring Cities within the County of Santa Barbara have also chosen to become the “Successor Agency” to their respective Redevelopment Agencies. Pursuant to ABX1 26, each Successor Agency is to be governed by an “Oversight Board” comprised of 7 members appointed by several entities including your Board.

During the spring of 2012, an initial recruitment and selection process for the Successor Agency Oversight Boards occurred. A Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee was established to review applications and recommend candidates for each of the seven Oversight Boards. This process provided an effective manner in which to identify and select individuals for these critical positions.

The County Executive Office has developed a process enabling the Clerk of the Board to assist the Board of Supervisors in filling vacant appointed positions by facilitating the outreach, application and delivery of applications to the Board for consideration and potential appointment. Previously, this process has included the following:

1. Outreach
 - a. Consistent with Government Code Section 54974, Clerk of the Board has already posted a special vacancy notice concerning this unscheduled vacancy;
 - b. Outreach to the individual Boards in order to ascertain if currently serving Board members are aware of any qualified individuals who would be interested in serving;
 - c. Publication, in the newspaper(s) appropriate to the geographical locations of the district, of advertising seeking qualified individuals for the positions;
 - d. Working with the appropriate Board Office(s) to identify individuals who may be interested in serving; and
 - e. Additional outreach that could include targeted advertising, electronic or print, designed to reach individuals within the special districts.
2. Application
 - a. Distribute applications upon request
 - b. Collect completed applications
3. Delivery
 - a. Provide complete set of applications to each Board office
 - b. Answer questions about recruitment and application process.

The result of the process will be a widely publicized recruitment to fill the vacancies on the Guadalupe and Santa Maria Successor Agency Oversight Boards. With direction to proceed today, outreach would begin later this week with an application period closing on November 30, 2012. Applications would be

forwarded to the Board during the first week of December. It is anticipated that a Board hearing to appoint a new public member would be agendized for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting in early January.

Any additional direction from the Board would be welcome. This process has worked successfully in the past and without objection staff would move forward with this basic structure for any additional vacancies that should occur on the Successor Agency Oversight Boards.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Attachments:

None

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